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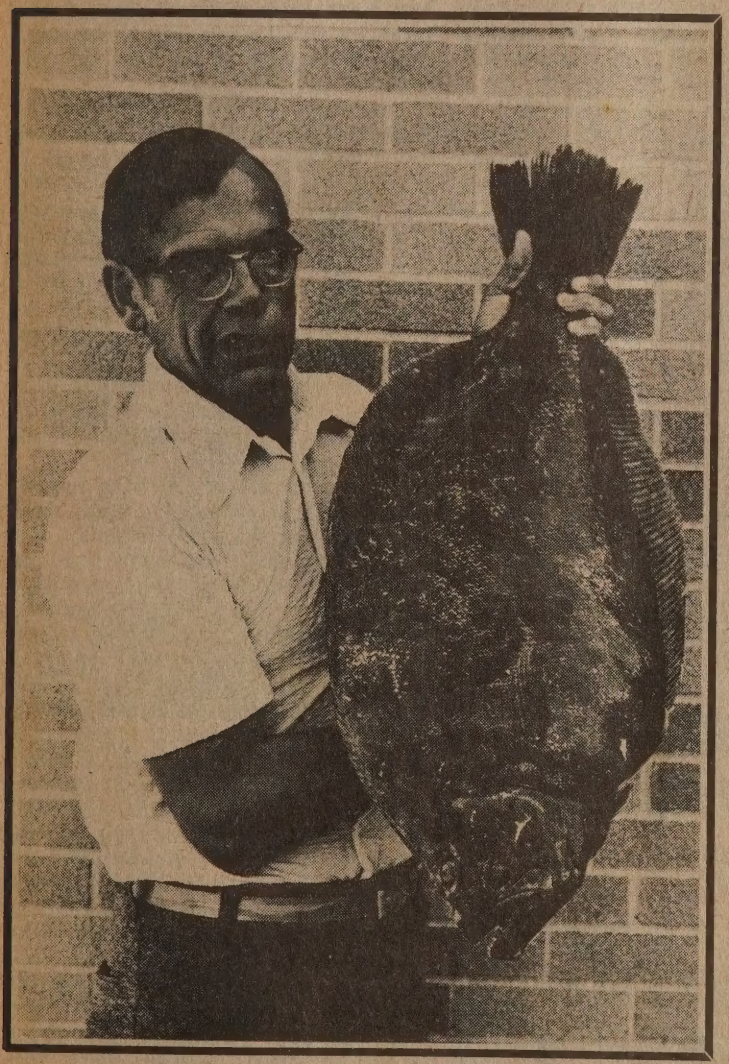

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CLUB NEWS

NORTH BROOKHAVEN SPORT FISHERMAN'S CLUB

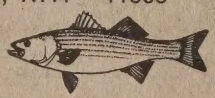
The next meeting of the North Brookhaven Sport Fisherman's Club will take place on Monday night, the 14th of October, at 8:00 p.m. and will be held in the Mt. Sinia Community House on North Country Road in Mt. Sinia.

All fisherman are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served for more information on the North Brookhaven Sport Fishermen's Club, call in Rocky Point: (516) 744-6260, and in Lake Ronkonkoma, call: (516) 588-6080.

SUNRISE ROD & GUN CLUB OF LYNBROOK U.S.A.

Twelve Members of the club held a pheasant shoot at the TMT Preserve, Clinton Hollow, N.Y. last weekend. they came home with a mixed bag of 24 pheasant and chukars.

A limited number of new memberships are available. Address all inquires to: Sunrise Rod & Gun Club of Lynbrook U.S.A. P.O. Box 680, Lynbrook, N.Y. 11563



News Releases

FINAL HEARINGS ON OAKDALE SEWER PLANT

The final hearings for the proposed sewer plant on the bay in Oakdale is to be held on Friday, October 18, at 10:00 a.m.

Location for the hearing will be at the Offices of the Department of Environmntal Conservation, Bldg. #40, State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Mail opposing this action has created some movement in Albany; the public cannot stop now. Send your letters to Mr. Daniel J. Larkin, Tidal Wetlands Administrator, at the DEC address above. Refer to (1) Petition #Tw-15237-0069 "B"; (2) Application # NY-006-5439. THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS YOUR BELIEFS ON THIS MATTER!

EXTENDED TROUT SEASON

The D.E.C. called The Fisherman to advise us that trout season has been extended through Nov. 30th. The readers should refer to page 50 of this year's hunting, fishing, and trapping guide. Al Keller said the best bet is at Beaver Dam Creek and the tidal portion of the Connetquot River. Connetquot State Park Fishing has been extended only through October.

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N.Y.A.C. ANGLERS HOLD SUCCESSFUL TAG AND RELEASE TOURNAMENT

From August 19th thru August 23rd half a dozen New York Athletic Club Anglers held a Tag and Release Giant Bluefin Tuna Tournament at Prince Edward Island.

The tournament was of interest from several aspects. Tournament co-chairman Henry Urban and Dr, Albert Holland coordinated all preparations with Mr. M.J.A. (Mike) Butler of the Marine and Fisheries Training Center at Prince Edward Island. Boat captains broke longheld traditions and accepted additional fees in lieu of keeping the fish. And, perhaps, most important, the new Electronic Pressure Tags were used for the first time. This tag permits the tagged fish to act as a transmitter whose signals can be monitored by a hydrophone. The fish's path after resounding can then be determined.

There is no question that th e Giant Bluefin Tuna is seriously endanaged. many studies are now underway in Canada and the United States as to the best way of preserving the species. The Government of Canada recently announced a series of measures designed to protect the fish, one of which is to set a yearly quota for the Gulf of St. Lawrence (800) and the Atlantic Coast (410). For the N.Y.A.C. tournament simple found rules were set up: all fish caught were to be tagged and released except in special situations.

Despite a reported dearth of tuna all through the Northeastern area, three fish were tagged and released, two were hooked and lost, and one was boated. The latter, a 780-pounder was caught after a 75-minute struggle by 16-year-old Herb Sylvester Jr. It was his first tuna ever, and he was permitted to keep it to have the tail mounted. This was obviously a special situation. Another which might occur is boating of a tuna of record size.

The three fish tagged weighed approximately 700, 825 and 900 pounds. All three carried the regular "spaghetti" tags supplied by the Fisheries Research Board of Canada. Two of the tuna were also tagged by Mike Butler with pressure tags. After tagging both fish headed for deep water, showing surprising speed and stamina. They went so fast, in fact, that the boat with the hydrophone could not keep up with them. This seems to indicate that Giant Bluefin Tuna do not succumb after fighting for better than a hour and a half and that their instinct is to head for deep water after this kind of encounter.

During the five-day tournament the cooperation of North Lake Tuna Charters, workking closely with the

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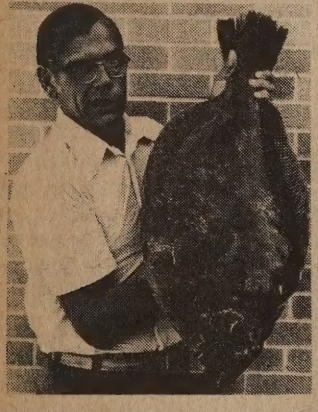

ABOUT THE COVER: Doc Grell does it again! Dr. Einar F. Grell took this fourteen brick (count 'em) doormat fluke at the Kismet artificial reef on Sept. 27th. The 18 lb. 3 oz. fish fell to another Doc Grell "experiment"—a 3 oz. diamond jig sleeved with a Psycho-Squid jigged along the bottom. Doc set the 6-lb. Class World Record Weakfish mark this spring with a 13-lb. 2-oz. tiderunner.

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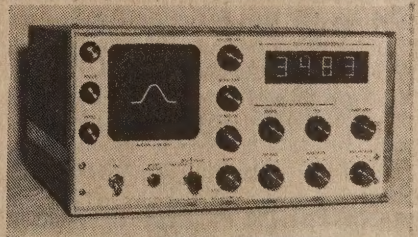

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N.Y.A.C. men and Mr. Butler on all tags and releases, was sincerely appreciated.

This tournament may indicate a workable pattern for sport fishermen who wish to go after endangered species. There is so much research and fact-finding to be done by Marine and Fisheries centers that the sport fisherman's participation is constructive and necessary. Coordination between government sponsored oceanographic and fishing groups, sport fishermen and charter boat captains is essential to the success of future tournaments and the preservation of our fast-disappearing game fish. Tournament Co-Chariman Henry B. Urban

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L.B.—PT. LOOKOUT TACKLE SHOPS

On Tuesday night 9-17-74, 7:05 P.M., I did some surf casting down at Long Beach (Neptune Blvd.) only to find out that weaks and stripers were in and hitting on Alou Eels and clam bellies. I had a good night: 1 weak 7 1/8 lb. and two stripers, about 6 and 10 lbs. the other anglers had 2—3 stripers each, and a few weaks.

Can you please tell me were, in Long Beach and Point Lookout, the nearest Bait and Tackle Shops are? **John Antignano, East Meadow**

The place fro bait and tackle at Pt. Lookout is Ed's Fishing Station, which is right on the water at zbayside Drive, Pt. Lookout. In Long Beach, you can pick up bait and tackle at Long Beach Sports Marina, W. Park Ave. and N.Y. Ave., Long Beach, and at B.J.'s Bait and Tackle, 778 W. Beech st., Long Beach. S.M.

DAMMIT! DON'T DUMP THAT MONO!

Most of us use monofilament line but I wonder if all of us are aware of the problems it can cause to man and beast if discarded in waterways or on the seashore. Hopefully, this little story may drive the point home.

My friend, Greg Cahill, and I were fishing Plum Gut for blues on Saturday, July 20th on his Whaler. My friend had brought in a fish on the outskirts of the rip and I was "picking up". Much to our dismay, his usually reliable engine turned over but could not be put into gear. After five minutes of futile attempts at moving the boat, we realized we were without power. After a harrowing 5 minutes in the middle of the rip we were towed by a 22 ft. Sea-Craft to the Orient Marina (our thanks to the guys from the Mattituck Fire Dept.).

The cause of our problem—about 150 ft. of monofilament fouled in the propeller. This incident could have been prevented. We did see a trailing streamer of monofilament as I picked up, but it was not under the boat. True, we could have cut someone's line, but there were relatively few boats in the area and we'd fished the "Gut" in the height of activity the previous year with no such incidents.

I tend to believe that this was discarded line, especially since the end if the streamer from the propeller ended in a tangle—possibly a backlash cut loose.

This is one example of what probably happens many times during the course of the fishing season. In addition, since monofilament is not biodegradable, it obviously remains in the environment. My friend and I have helped birds tangled in discarded line and have heard stories of divers who have seen fish smothered in a tangle of monofilament on the floor of bays in this area. We never discard line into the waters, but save it for the garbage can. True, many snags are cut loose but many times, thoughtless fishermen will discard line into the water or on shore. I think some mention of this should be made in the Long Island Fisherman. **Cyrus J. Bacchi, Bronx.**

The problem you mention is a serious one, and deserves the full attention and cooperation of fisherman.

My family and I frequently air ourselves on Cedar Beach [Mt. Sinia Harbor]. Wife always ends up gathering huge snarls of mono that are either washed ashore or dumped on the beach by thoughtless fishermen. I'll hardly mention all the broken glass that's sitting there, waiting to lay open someone's foot.

When I find it necessary to cut off a frayed mono end, or [Oh, how I hate to admit it!] cut out a particularly bad backlash, I stuff the mess into a pocket and later—when I'm home—throw it into the garbage. Same for plastic sandwich bags, etc.

I don't ever recommend my lifestyle to anyone; to each his own, and I'm happy. But I will tell you mono-dumpers out there that Dr. Bacchi is right, and so am I.

Don't dump the damn stuff—it really is bad, loose in the environment. G.V.

QUICK RELEASE ANCHOR

Last Fall I was anchored off the North Bar at Montauk. It was a dreary day and visibility was about a thousand feet, the tide was really ripping out.

My dog, Bruce, was on the shore barking at me and he decided to swim out to the boat. I screamed at him not to, but he would not turn back. Needless to say, the outgoing tide was taking him to sea. Panic shot through me; my first thought was to

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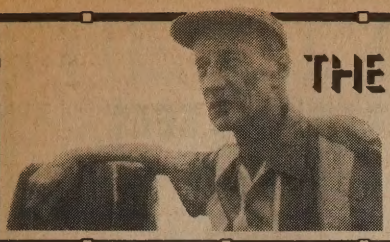

THE BOTTOM LINE

with Matt Ahern

FALL FLOUNDER FISHING

There are two things to be said about fall flounders: they're fat and they're sassy. Unlike the early spring flounders of March, which have lain sluggishly on bottom all winter, these flounders are peppy and full of zip, making them loads of fun to catch.

As availability of fish is governed by water temperature, fall flounders aren't usually looked for until the water has been chilled somewhat by autumn's cooling breath. About the time bluefish begin to work offshore, say in mid-October, is about right.

When fall flounders first arrive, they immediately head for bays, creeks, and canals, wherever suitable conditions exist. Being a clean fish, the only place they won't be found is in dirty, polluted waters.

Flounders are considered shallow water fish, and that's where you'll find most of them at this time of year; shallow water meaning from ten to twenty feet. This fact enables the fisherman to use light tackle for the fullest enjoyment of the sport. Spinning tackle is ideal, and this tackle and flounders go hand in hand.

A light to medium six-foot spinning rod, with a matching reel filled with six to eight pound test monofilament will be found to be perfect. A husky two-pounder played with light spinning tackle is guaranteed to give the fisherman quite a tussle.

This spinning equipment enables the fisherman to use light bank sinkers of one and two ounces, depending on current. Any sinker above two ounces on this light tackle will detract from the fight of the fish. besides making them difficult to fee. and hook.

For generations, flounder fisherman have been using a size nine or ten long-shanked Chestertown hook. It is the accepted type for the small-mouthed flounder, and it does its job well. But there is another type that will do even a better job: this is the number six, regular-shanked Sproat hook manufactured by O. Mustard and Son of Oslo, Norway, quality number 3366. Reed Tackle, Box 390, Caldwell, New Jersey 07006, offers these hooks in boxes of one hundred. Send for their catalog.

If you plan on doing lots of flounder fishing, it will pay you to learn to snell these hooks yourself. Midland Tackle Company, 66 Route 17, Sloatsburg, New York 10974, has leader material in various weights to aid you in doing this. They'll send a catalog upon request. Also included is a chart showing what weights to use fro various fish.

If you plan to fish out east in the Peconic country and around Montauk where the fish run larger, you should increase the size of the hook to a number four. However, the number six is a good size to use on flounders to three pounds.

After being used to the long-shank Chestertowns, these smaller shanked hooks may seem inadequate to do the job, but don't be fooled by appearances. You'll catch more, and larger fish with these hooks. Guaranteed!

The experienced fisherman will always shy away from loading his line with an excess of terminal tackle. At times many fish, flounders included, tend to be spooky—especially the larger ones—and the wise fisherman will limit his terminal tackle to the bare necessities to do the job properly.

The flounder spreaders in common use are bulky, difficult to cast, foul constantly on the slightest obstruction, and have the annoying habit of gathering weeds and other debris, thereby cutting into your fishing time. I discovered the inherent headaches of the spreader fifty years ago and haven't used one since.

The following method of tandem-tying your hooks will not only guarantee to produce fish, but will do in with much less annoyance. Using two hooks, bend the snell of one at its middle and pass this fold through the knotted loop of the other. Take the second hook and pass it through the bend of the first hook, pull tightly, and secure with an overhand knot. It's simple, takes but seconds to accomplish, and will always have two hooks on bottom where they must be to get flounders.

Hooks can be tied directly to the line about two inches above the sinker, with or without a three-way swivel. Better still, use a 2/0 to 4/0 snap-swivel at the end of the line and place sinker and hooks together. There will be less tangling, and it will give more ease in casting.

Fisherman use many baits to catch flounders, with sand-and bloodworms being the most popular. But there are several other baits that work as well, sometimes better; soft, hard, or skimmer clam, mussels, and small pieces of shrimp lead the list. Don't overlook the common nightcrawler; they really produce at times.

Mussels are mostly used for chum, but they can be used on the hook. However, they are difficult to keep on, especially when fishing from bulkheads and piers where casting is often necessary to reach deeper water. They should be used directly from the shell.

Some fisherman steam mussels before shucking in order to toughen them enough to stay on the hook. This it will do, but it will cause you to catch fewer fish, and if you examine a flounder's toothless mouth the reason is readily apparent. Flounders love a soft bait, and anything you do that changes that is going to cost fish.

It isn't too important what kind of clam is used the requisite being it must be fresh for best results. I have found it wise to shun salted baits.

Frozen, unsalted skimmers are

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Surf Side

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ARTIFICIAL EELS
Part One

Over the years I've heard surfmen disagree about many lures, yet discussions about the use of artificial eels in the surf are always more heated and individual points of view more tenaciously held.

Boat fisherman do not seem to suffer from the same doubts and hesitations; they've been using them for over a decade now, and with great success. I think that boatmen often chuckle when they see that continuous river of wood thrown from the beach. It's about time that we got with it!

The comments that I'll make in thaese two articles are meant to apply only to the Alou Eel and the Tri-Fin Eel. Both lures are home-grown products, and both have worked well for me in the surf. We will examine two distinct aspects. This week we will look at the physical characteristics of the eels and try to suggest reasons why these traits make each adaptable to different types of fishing. Next week, I will discuss how I've fished with them successfully.

The Tri-Fin and the Alou Eels have several features in common. Each lure is fitted with a lead-head that is somewhat flattened, and each has a keel; a shallow one on the Alou, and a triple keel on the Tri-Fin. A hook is molded into the head of the Alou Eel, with a second hook attached to the head hook-eye by means of stranded wire. The Tri-Fin hooks are both secured by wire to the head. The first is an inch or two behind the head and the second hook is almost at the end of the surgical tube body.

The body of the Alou is composed of soft plastic, which is molded around the wire and rear hook. The surgical tubing of the Tri-Fin Eel is more durable and gets the nod when you're fishing for bluefish, or when the blues are mixed with bass. Both have a sturdy construction and hold big fish without difficulty.

Although a cursory inspection of the action of the lures in the water would suggest that they have the same action, the assumption is incorrect. The Alou Eel wiggles at slow speeds, and is more active with a faster retrieve. I addition, the head of the Alou can be bent, which changes the action noticeably. (More about this next week.) The Tri-Fin swims because the slightly longer body undulates. The motion of the Tri-Fin models is more aggressive because of the keel in the lead-head. However, the head cannot be bent easily, therefore you can't adjust the action.

Although these eels can catch fish under almost all conditions, I'm convinced that their real value lies in their ability to touch fish when they're sitting on the bottom and are not feeding aggressively.

I'm always fascinated by the action of artificial lures, and I frequently have trouble reconciling the observed motion of a given artifical and that of its natural counterpart. I've observed eels, spearing, bunker, and what-have you numerous times, both in the sea and in large aquaria. The standard explanation for the appeal of the eel lures would seem to be that they imitate eels. However, there is good reason to believe that these lures may actually imitate sand eels, spearing, or even marine worms, and the angler must keep this in mind when he fishes with them. Since the type retrieve and the bend in the head will change the action considerably, the fishermen who makes a study of these relationships will improve his odds of catching fish.

The size of the lure also helps to determine its action. the small sizes (less than 1 ounce) do not swim like eels; they vibrate, and I believe that they imitate small baitfish scurrying alone the bottom. The larger sizes (2 ounces or more) undulate, and this could be interpreted as an eel-like motion.

The lures do present a few special problems for the surfmen. the biggest draw-back is that they cast poorly; however, the fish are often closer to the wash than many surfcasters are willing to admit. Second, it is difficult to use the lures at low tide or in extremely rocky areas. Yet the stage of the tide and the bottom configurations are not important limitations when the lures are used from a jetty or at an inlet.

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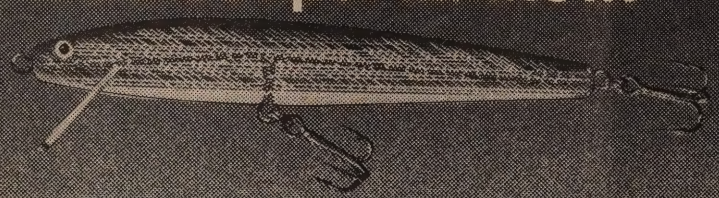

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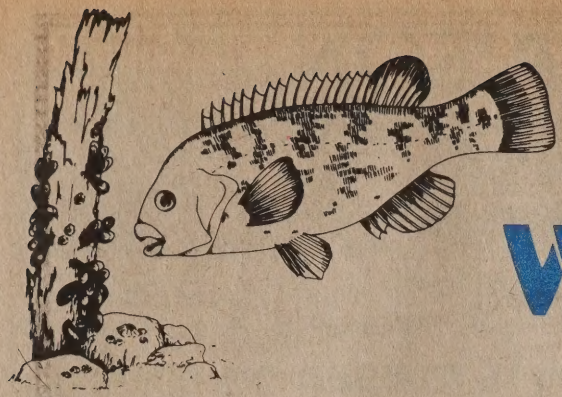


Blacks at the Wantagh Draw

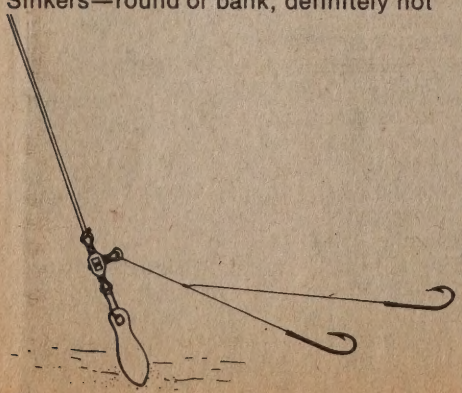
by Joe Cook

Come mid-September and my thoughts turn to fishing for a stubborn, stout-bodied slugger. Blackfish or tautog, as they are called up New England way, are one of the most challenging fishes to be found in the waters surrounding our island. Not only are they a challenge to hook, they put up one Hell of a spirited fight as they struggle to remain among the rocks and wrecks they call home. Putting up a determined, grim, bull-like resistance, blacks are the personification of "defensive" aggression.

On September 17th, I decided that the time had come to try my hand. I called up my favorite local bait and tackle dealer, George Kwak, and asked him what was in the bays. George, knowing my liking for blackfishing, immediately said, "Joe, the blacks are in. Right under the Wantagh drawbridge."

Thoughts ran through my head as I loaded the car with my paraphernalia. Yes, blacks hung around rocks, piers, pilings, wrecks; in fact, any place where great concentrations of crustaceans or mollusks collected. These members of the *wrasse* family have two sets of teeth. The first, in the front of their mouths, they use like clippers to nip at their prey. The captured food is then passed backwards to their powerful molars, which easily grind up such favorite foods as crabs and mussels.

Since these fellows favor rocks, boulders, and were, in fact, under the drawbridge, I thought I'd better bring alone some extra rigs plus sinkers. Sinkers—round or bank, definitely not pyramid, as they too easily get wedged in the rocks under the bridge. Goodbye rig! Experience has taught me that many times when a blackfish feels the barb of the hook in his thick, full lips he immediately sets off full blast for the nearest crevice or hole, where he digs in for the fight while your rig becomes hopelessly tangled. No battle! You lose.



Rod—which one shall I take? A stout pole for a stout fish, right? Right. You really have to "snap-it" to these fish, as their fleshy lips are tough and a stout tip makes it easier to "sock it to 'em."

Any quality, star-drag reel that will hold 100 yards of 30-pound mono will suit the rod perfectly.

What else? Bait. Well, I always have had luck with fiddler crabs, so why change my luck? Pick up a quart at Kwak's. Blacks also like green crabs, soft clams, mussels and even sand worms. True, but under the bridge I always pick up some blacks with fiddlers.

Getting into the aluminum skiff at Uncle Hermie's, I started my 9½ h.p. engine and slowly headed down the canal to "Four Corners," where I turned west towards the drawbridge. The tide was still incoming as I pulled up into and past the third slot from the south end of the bridge, cut the motor, threw the anchor and waited to see if the boat would hold. It did, and I was in excellent position—right in the middle of the stuctures—under the bridge.

Opening up the box containing the fiddlers, I took two out, pulled off their large claws and inserted a hook into each hole where the claw had been. I tried a two ounce sinker and that was ridiculous—it wouldn't hold. Four ounces of lead did the trick.

Two taps. I rapidly reeled in. Cleaned; both hooks. Again I lowered my baited hooks (size 1/0) into the swiftly moving water, but this time I stood up in the boat with the butt of my rod pushing against the underside of my forearm. Tap-tap—Smack! I socked it to him, quickly snapping my wrist and forearm skyward.

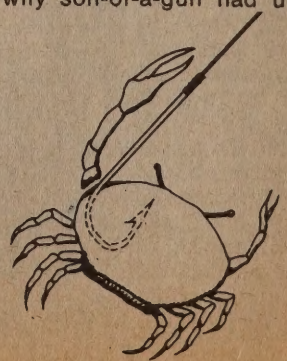
Immediately I felt the fish tugging strongly as it struggled to stay on the bottom. I could picture its stocky body "putting on its brakes" down deep, but I finally boated a fairly good-sized black of about two pounds. Again and again I repeated the procedure. As long as I stayed completely alert I caught fish; as soon as my mind wandered—empty hooks.

Slowly my boat started to circle around as the tide changed from incoming, to slack water, to outgoing. Still the blacks hit hard. Soon I was on the west side of the bridge. Then the action slowed down. My mind drifted off and I recalled that blacks can be within a few feet of a baited hook and not hit it. You have to drop the bait where they are, or nothing.

Pulling up anchor, I headed through the slot eastward, anchored, and my boat drifted backwards under the bridge almost to the same spot where I was originally. Tap-tap. There they were. Mixed in with some of the blackfish were those pesky bergalls, the bane of all blackfishermen. And that gave me another good reason for using fiddlers for bait: harder to strip.

Soon the outgoing tide started to whistle through the stanchions of the bridge and my rig no longer held. I added weight, finally getting up to eight ounces. This held for short periods before the powerful tide and currents dislodged it from the bottom. The fish still tapped the fiddlers, but it became increasingly more difficult to hook them.

Bait was running out. Wham! One tapped hard, but before I could "snap my hook into its jaws the fish took off, leaving my rig snagged on the bottom. The wily son-of-a-gun had undoubt-



edly sought a crevice in a rock. Playing it cool, I tried everything I knew, and even tried some techniques I thought of while out there to free my hooks. No go! Finally, I reeled in as much of my line as possible and burned it with the ash of my cigar. Re-rigging, I continued fishing, but I didn't meet with much success.

With only a few fiddlers left, I pulled anchor, headed eastward past the bridge about fifty feet, and anchored again. Sunshine sprayed itself over the water and I started to warm up after coming out from the bridge's cool shadow. Minutes passed and I didn't feel a tap. At last—Rap! I struck hard and had myself a fish. When I boated him I estimated his weight to be around four pounds. Later at home I checked him out—4 lbs. 2 oz.

As I dropped this guy into the bussel basket, I suddenly realized I had a cleaning job ahead of me. I half-heartedly fished a little while longer. Happily for me, the sky started to darken, so I decided to call it a day.

When I unloaded the car at home I started the job of preparing the blackfish for the table. I carefully cut into the skin back of the pectoral fin, one side at a time. I grabbed a piece of loose skin with my pliers and pulled downwards towards the fish's tail while holding its head with my other hand. The pearly-white flesh was solidly packed on the fishes bones. I flopped the fish over on its other side and repeated the same procedure.

We had a three-pounder that night for dinner, and the remaining fish are nestled in my freezer, waiting for the day when thoughts of a true adversary brings to mind "blackfish".

What better way to begin an enjoyable weekend that to dine on baked blackfish, with a glass or two of chilled, bone-dry wine?

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nearly as good as fresh, but are difficult to find. Most containers have some salt added, making them tough when thawed. The veteran fisherman always tries to get fresh clams in the shell. It's the best bait for fall flounders.

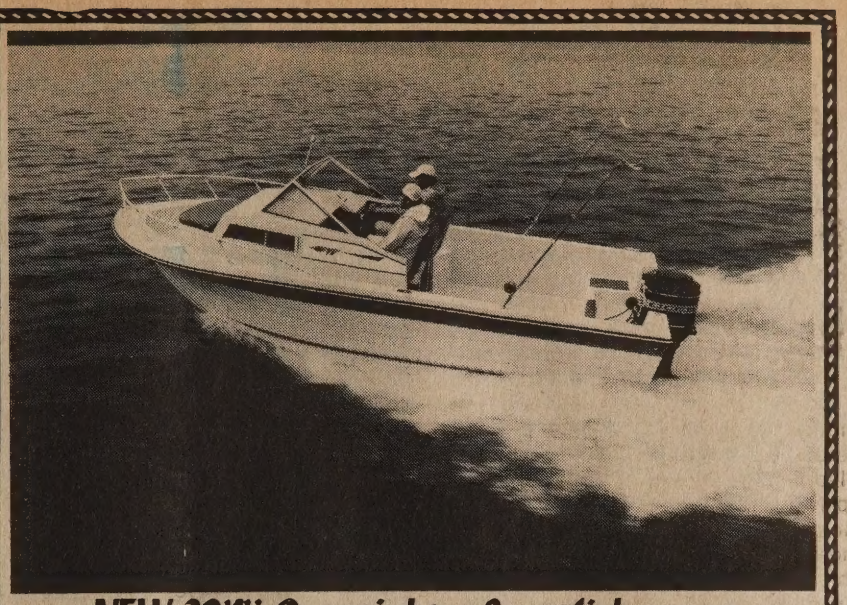
Use small, this pieces about one and a half inches long. You can let the hook point show if you wish. In fact, it is probably better if you do, as this will give the bait a more tempting and appealing appearance; the fish seem not to notice the exposed hook point. The same applies to any worms you use. Hard, bunched up bait produces few flounders.

As noted before, early fall flounders are easily found by the fisherman. Upon their arrival, they don't much prefer the deeper waters as do early spring flounders. Fishing from bulkheads. piers and creek banks often produces better during the first month of their run than does fishing from boats in deeper bay waters.

Usually it isn't until mid-November before fall flounders seek the warmer waters of the bays. Even then, they are often caught in the protected areas of creeks and canals. The fisherman should experiment at this time. Should he find them inshore in ber, holed up in certain spots, it is pretty certain they will be available until the severe weather of winter closes down all activities.

go out this fall and get yourself a mess of these fine, fat flounders; there's plenty for everybody. Just one thing more: you'll fins a lot of the smaller fish contain roe, and you shouldn't hesitate to return them. You'll benefit everyone's future fishing.

Remember — conserve the flounder!



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Tides and Surf Fishing

by Vlad Evanoff

Tides are important no matter what kind of fishing you do in salty water, and most experienced salt water fishermen soon learn which tides are best in the spots they fish. Tides are especially important to the surf angler because surf fish move in and move out with the tides and, unless he knows when this happens in each spot he fishes, he is apt to be at the wrong place at the wrong time.

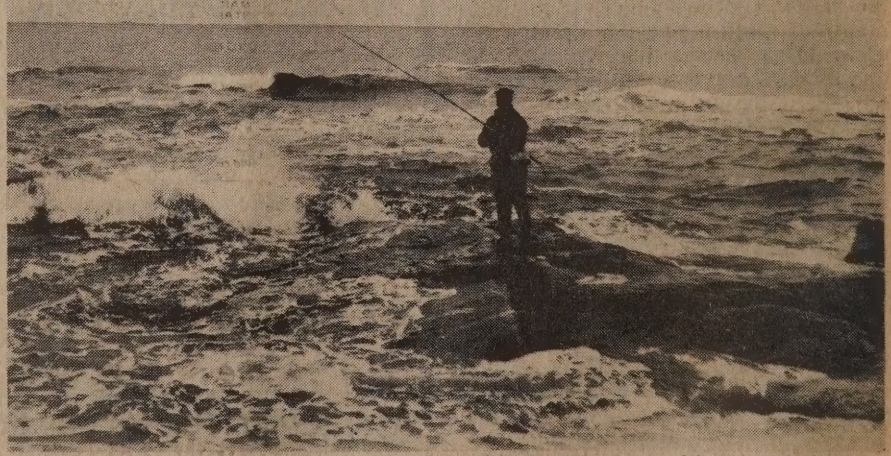
Naturally, it will take time and plenty of fishing to accumulate the knowledge about a certain area so that you know which spots to fish during the different stages of the tide. After you have fished the same spot for a number of years and caught fish there, you will usually discover that most fish were caught during a certain stage of the tide. Once you have this information about several locations, you can often have good fishing in two or three of them at different times of the day or night.

For example, if you know three rock jetties not too far from each other, and one of them is best around high water, while another is good when the tide is half-out and the last one is most productive at low water, you can fish all three during a six-hour tidal period. You hit the first one at high tide, fish it for two hours; then move on to the next one and fish for the next two hours; then wind up at the last jetty and fish it for the remaining two hours.

Some sand beaches are good at high water, while others produce at half-tide and still others can be best fished at low water. Along beaches where there is an outer bar a good distance from the beach, you usually have to wait until the tide is half in before there is enough water for the fish to cross the bar into the slough or trough. Then you can have good fishing during high water and until the tide is half-out, at which time the water drops and the fish usually leave.

Fish such as striped bass will also feed on the sand bars themselves, but there has to be enough water for them to enter and swim freely over them. Once the tide drops too much you may have to wade out on the sand bar itself to reach the fish in the deeper water. A full high tide on a sand bar may have enough water for the fish to swim into, but they may not feed as well then. I find that the fishing is best on such sand bars when there is white water breaking over the bar and it is deep enough for the stripers to swim in and chase baitfish such as mullet, which often try to hide in the white water.

This couple is fishing at Montauk Point, where a certain stage of the tide may be good at this beach and another stage of the tide may be best at a different beach or rocky shore a short distance away.



Along rocky shores, the tide which produces the most white water over submerged or exposed rocks and boulders, and on reefs and rocky points, is usually the best one to fish.

Fish can come in closer to shore along beaches which slope sharply and have deep water within casting distance. If there are no sand bars off the beach, you can often fish here at high water and low water. This is also a good beach to fish with a bottom rig and bait, since you don't have to cast too far out to reach deep water even when the tide is low.

When fishing at inlets or river mouths emptying into the ocean you'll find that an outgoing tide, especially the last two or three hours, is best. Baitfish and other marine animals

move in and out through such inlets, but an outgoing tide is strongest and catches them and sweeps them out to sea or into a rip created by the current and incoming waves. Here the fishing may last into the first hour or so of the incoming tide, because the water usually keeps running out even though the tide has started coming in.

Along rocky shores, such as those found at Montauk and Rhode Island, a certain tide may be good at one spot and another tide may be best at a spot only a short distance away. Here, I find that when fishing most coves, reefs and shallow, rock-studded areas, the higher tides are usually most productive. Then, as the tide drops, I look for higher rocks, ledges or shores with deep water fronting them, or for rocky points where I can get out and cast into deeper water. And when casting toward rocks or boulders which are exposed or just below the surface, I usually wait until the tide drops or comes in enough to crash over such rocks and create some white water. Striped bass like to lie in such pockets at these times to waylay baitfish moving through. It's good strategy to wait until a wave breaks before casting into the white water alongside the rock.

Anglers who fish from jetties know that some rock piles are best at high water while others produce better during low water. This is also a matter of safety and comfort. Most high, dry jetties can be fished at high water safely; but other, low jetties are covered with water. The waves break over them and there you have to wait until the tide drops before you can go out on them. This used to be true of the wooden jetties which once were plentiful—until they broke up or were replaced by rock jetties. You usually had to wait until the tide was half-out before you could go out on them far enough to fish properly.

In most surf fishing areas I find that the change of tide is a good time to be out. There are high-water and low-water slack periods; then the fishing is apt to be slow. But the minute the tide changes, either to go out or to come in, the fish start feeding again. If this change occurs around dusk or daybreak or during the night, your chances of catching fish are even better.

So, by studying the tides and "fishing the tides," you can be down at the beach at the best time and save yourself many hours of wasted effort. The smart surf angler doesn't squander his time or energy casting when the tide is not good for the spot he is fishing. He tries to get there when the tide is right and fishes hard, then quits or moves to a nearby area where the tide is right.

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Little Extras for Clam Chummers

by Terry Wallace

The moon was bright as Tom Cara and I made our way under the Robert Moses bridge in my fourteen foot flat bottom boat, which we use for chumming striped bass. The winds were from the southwest but Robert Moses State Park blocked most of them as we moved along the shoreline near the old construction dock. This area, from the Coast Guard station to Democratic Point, is a prime area for chumming bass when other places fail to produce.

The air was crisp with the late October weather, and we thought that the day was really going to be worthwhile. Chumming can produce big hauls of school sized bass, as well as a few cows now and then, and we had been successful most of our trips since adopting a couple of new methods which are tricks of the trade.

Upon approaching the fishing area, we each got ready to drop an anchor. As I began to head the boat to shore, I dropped my anchor and fed out about a hundred feet or so of line. When we neared shore, Tom let his anchor down and I cut the motor. The anchors held easily and soon the boat was holding across the beginning of the outgoing tide.

We usually fish close to the shore at the beginning of the tide, then move further out every half hour or so with the current. We have found that by using this procedure, the clam bellies will go down to the bottom where the bass are, instead of floating on the top or middle of the water. By straddling the boat, we create a dam-like construction which also helps send down the chum, as well as providing more fishing room for each of us.

As we started to settle in the current, Tom began to prepare the clam bellies we had bought from Ski's Fishing Station in Babylon. Most chummers don't have to prepare their clam bellies, they simply add water, but we use something special. Two bottles of clam juice bought at Pathmark were the main attraction, rather than just plain sea water. As Tom mixed some of the clam juice with the bellies, I began rigging the rods.

For chumming, I prefer a light, short, flexible rod with either a Penn Beachmaster or Surfmaster filled with twenty pound test monofilament.

I began to tie a 4/0 Eagle Claw hook with bait holders on the shank directly to the line. By the time I had the rods ready to go Tom was beginning to squeeze the clam bellies over the side, sending over only small pieces of the clam. Don't ladle large amounts of chum over or large pieces of clams: if they fill up on chum, they might be less prone to accept your offerings, and that wouldn't do at all.

After a few minutes of getting the chum line set up, we let out our baited lines in the tide. About five minutes later I felt the familiar pull of a bass: I let the line go into free spool for a couple of seconds, then put the reel in gear, raised the rod and set the hook. Minutes later a small school bass of about four pounds lay in the bottom of the boat. In a few seconds Tom's rod arched, and things were starting to roll in our favor.

We fished for about four hours, repeating the same procedures, and the result was twenty two school-sized bass weighing from three to eight pounds.

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MONTAUK

A lot of bass—a lot of blues—flounders in the Lake. This is what Ronnie at **Gone Fishing Marina** had to say for his rental boats. Striped bass are on the North Bar while the blues are off the Point. Ronnie said the porgies seem to be feeding as if they might leave any day. Fluke fishing is finished said Ronnie.

The triple threat, bass, blues and weakfish, were caught along the beaches this past weekend according to **Johnny Kronuch**. The bass are of mixed sizes with a lot of 17 or 18 lb. fish and some about 30 lbs. or more. They are hitting plugs at the North bar, Jones, under the Lighthouse and on the south side. All of this action is at night. Blues and big ones are also in the surf with these bass. When the bass and blues don't bite there is sometimes a weakfish of 6 to 9 lbs. to try and swallow your lure.

Dick Vigilant of the **Triton II** said his charters have all been doing well on either bass or blues. Bass trolling has been a consistent producer with small bluefish of 4 lbs. or more hitting the umbrella rigs. The big blues of 10 or 14 lbs. are caught on bait at the Cartwright Grounds.

Capt. John Sweetman of the **Ebb Tide** reports unreal fishing. Stripers are busting all over. Bucktails and umbrella rigs are used in the rips while on the ocean side tubes and umbrella rigs are better. While not specifically after bluefish they are being caught. Small ones of 1-4 lbs. are at Shangwong. While the bigger ones are at Great Eastern or Cartwright Grounds. The fluke have gone but porgies are still holding up well.

Capt. Brad Glas of the **Helen II** said the bluefishing north of Montauk has been very good. Blues have run from 10 to over 17 lbs.

Hot porgy fishing said Capt. Bud Dorman of the **Viking Skipper**. They had hi-hooks of 155 and 176 porgies on Sat. and Sun. Bennie MacPherson of the Bronx took honors on Saturday while Gus Wilson of New Brunswick, N.J. did it on Sunday. The porgies are all mixed sizes with some sea bass mixed in.

The **Viking Star** reports greatly improved codfishing at Coxes Ledge. At least four or more fish are in the 40 to 50 lb. class. The average catch has been six and better. On Oct. 20 the Viking Star will sail on another off shore freezer filler fishing trip. Don't miss this trip if you want plenty of action.

Capt. George Glas of the **Hel-Cat** reports the bluefishing is fantastic. It is now at the peak of the season and will continue through October. More and more bonus fish—striped bass—are being taken as they fatten up for the winter ahead.

Mickey Chiarenzza, developer of the Tri-Fin lures, called in to say that he and a buddy, fishing under the lighthouse in 10' of water, casting 2 oz. gray Tri-Fins had 17 bass, 5-18 lbs., 2 blues and a weak. This was under the stars, high water.

PROMISED LAND

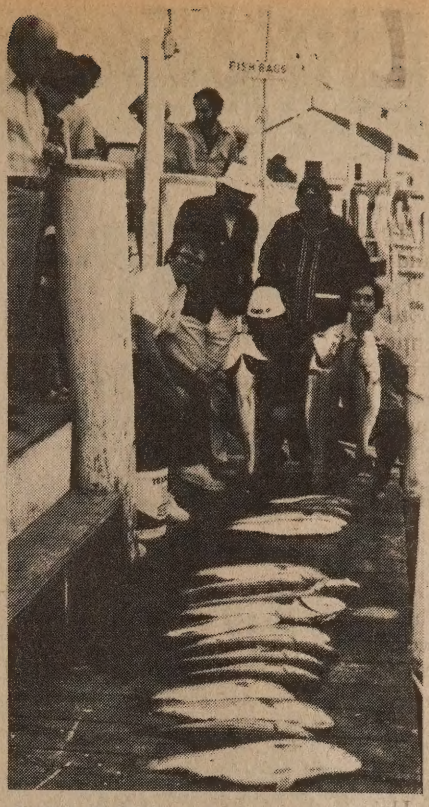
There are blues still roaming in Tobaccolot Bay and south of Gardiners Island according to Art Brand at **Promised Land Fishing Station**. The blues are from 1½ to 5 lbs. A showing of flounder were caught by the porgy fishermen. These 1½ to 2½ lb. fish won't be in strong says Art until the porgies leave.

SAG HARBOR

Helen Jacobsen at **Noyac Marina** reports there are flounders starting to be picked up both inside and outside of Noyac Creek. These fish are taking bloodworms and weigh upwards from ¾ lb. Catches were better than 15 per boat. Mor and more kingfish are being caught but very few weaks. Helen said that if you can get out before 6 a.m. at the South Ferry slips there are striped bass to be had.

SHINNECOCK

Another triple threat report comes from Mickey at **Alterkirch Tackle**. It seems that the blues, bass and weakfish are all being caught at the same time. Trollers working just off the beach are catching them regularly. Weaks go to 9 lbs., blues to 14 lbs. and the bass are up to 20 lbs. The surf fishermen have action from Amagansett to Moriches beaches on plugs. Flounders are just starting while the



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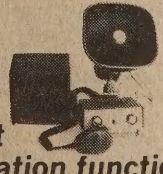

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Art Reilly the maker of **Reilly Rigs** went out on Saturday on the Capt. Clark boat and he said he had never seen such good blackfishing in his 50 years of fishing. Every time his tandem rig hit the bottom he had fish on. As a true sportsman he cut off one hook so he could enjoy the sport more. He fished with Andy Piggot of St. John's University and between them they caught over 100 blacks going to 9 lbs.

HAMPTON BAYS

Ronnie at **Tony's Fishing Station** said the flounder fishing is very good. You must chum up these fish which are taking bloodworms or clam. Catches ranged from 15 to 40 flounder with one couple having over 100 keepers. Try by the Coast Guard Station—bouys 25 and 26.

MORICHES BAY

Silly Lily reports the start of the flounder fishing. Along with them were caught some nice size sea bass, kingfish and some porgies. Crabbing for blue claw crabs is still good at present. Snapper fishing is a question mark.

Flounders are damn good fishing said Bob Cole of **Moriches Bait & Tackle**. They are being picked up in scattered spots throughout the bay. Blackfish are taking fiddler crabs at the rock piles. On the outside blues are being trolled and the beach fishermen get a crack at them also. Nick sized stripers to 20 lbs. be ing chummed in the bay. For the latest information on how and where see Bob as he keeps up to date on them.

Ben at **Tadsen's Fishing Station** said the flounder are making a nice start. Although there are some small ones there are more than enough keepers to make it worthwhile to fish for them. Nice size sea bass are also being caught with them. Fluke are finishing their way out as well as the snappers..

MASTIC BEACH

Mark at **Keenan's Fishing Station** reports good flounder fishing near their area. Jim Cantwell, Paul Lindner and Tino Penna known as the "Morgan Guarantee Crew" caught over 75 flounders by going to a spot that was chummed by Mark. So see Mark or Ron for the exact spot.

CAPTREE

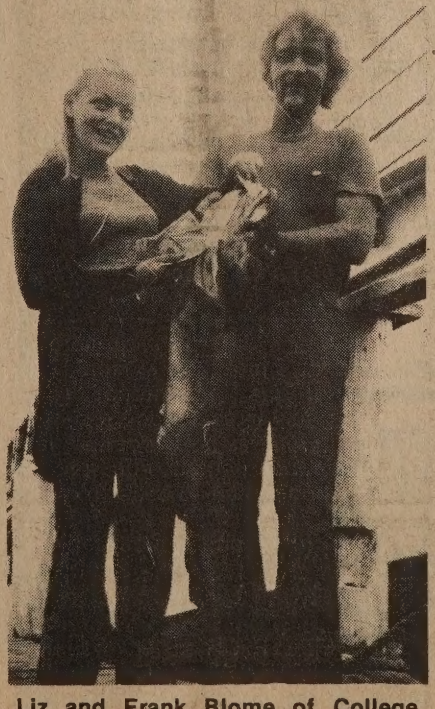
George Tweedy of the **Capt. Scotty** said they had a bonanza fishing for codfish out east. There were also some bluefish caught. Bill Plum of Lindenhurst had over 20 using the Bingle Banana colored green. Friday and Saturday was also good on cod and pollack but Sunday was slower. The cod ran between 10 & 13 lbs.

THe open boat **Capt. Ben Litwin** has been scoring well at the outside reef on porgies and sea bass. There are loads of these fish all of good sizes out there. At the inside reef at Kismet big blackfish are coming aboard. these blacks are in solid now.

Capt. John of the charterboat **Blue Albatross** said the blackfishing on the Kismet reef has been fantastic. These blacks are of mixed sizes up to 7 lbs. and better. Fiddler crabs are your best bet for bait.

Pot luck fishing was what Rod Westerlind of the **Capt. Rod** boat had to say. The flounders have started to show in the bay and the channels. It will be about another week for the flounders to be in solid. Some fluke have been caught but these can be considered finished but will be fished if they are available. Blackfishing moved into the spotlight with many good size fish being caught on the inside reef.

The **Speedy V** had very good bluefishing during the week according to Capt. Hubert. The weekend was moved by the inconsiderate action of several small private boats. This complaint has been noted by many captains.



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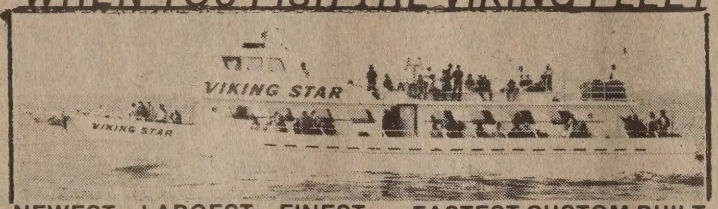

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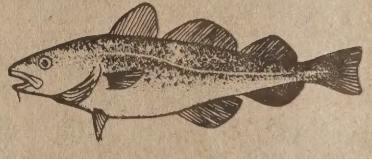

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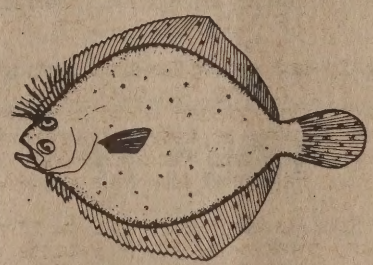

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Jean Principe of **Augies's Bait & Tackle** said that nothing much is happening outside. Some nice bass are being taken from the surf at Cedar Beach. Barry Wallace of North Babylon tossed out a live bunker and promptly tossed in a 30½ lb. striped bass. Tony Rossi drifted live bunker inside by the Fire Island Lighthouse and scored with bass of 44½ and 20 lbs.

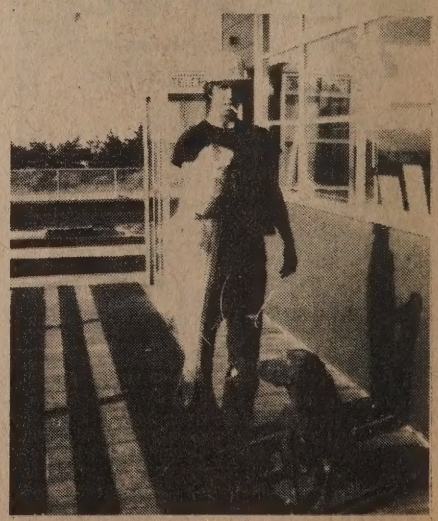
Good flounder fishing off Good Samaritan Hospital, Fox Creek, and the Babylon Pool. Still plenty of crabs in the deep water of the channels with traps. A few snappers in the snapper-blue category are being taken off the Babylon Town Dock.

AMITYVILLE

Jona's Bait & Tackle reports very good flounder fishing in the Amityville Cut, Copaigue and East Fox Creek. Bloodworms and clam are taking fish up to 1½ lbs. Blacks are very good at Robert Moses Bridge and the Kismet Reef. Fiddler crabs best bait when you can get them. Bass and blues are being taken at the bridges and Democrat Point on live eels day and night and by clam chumming. Offshore, Mr. Mills and friends went to a wreck 40 miles southeast of Fire Island Inlet and took 8 codfish 12 to 30 pounds and almost 200 bluefish up to 23 pounds.

SEAFORD

Lon Wanser's Bait & Tackle reports very good flounder fishing at the Four Corners, Squaw Island and Goose Creek areas. Fish are mixed sizes, about 50-50 throwbacks and keepers. Small seabass and porgies are mixed in. A few weakfish are still being taken around the third bridge. Some large bass are being taken around the third bridge. Some large bass are being



Bruce Breest took this 42 lb. 7 oz. bass on a live bunker at the Sore Thumb. Photo courtesy The Store at Oak Beach.

taken inside on live eels, whole bunker and clam chumming. Good pick of bass and blues in the surf, especially Parking Field Nine, Tobay Beach and West End. Crabbing very good in the deeper water with traps.

Dell's Fishing Station reports that Jim Braur of Brooklyn took 22 flounder on the west side of the second and third bridges on clam and worms. Al Messina and friend took 28 nice size flounder.

WANTAGH

Frank Hecker of **Causeway Bait & Tackle** said that bass fishing has been very good from the beaches at West End and Parking Field Nine. John Orenbach took his first bass, 40 pounds, on a live eel at West End. Lots of flounder in East Bay. Steve Shebroe of Bellmore had 50 keepers and threw back as many. Blackfish are very good at all bridges, pilings and piers.

Stu Miller of the **L.I.F.** staff started out on a blackfishing trip but could only get clams for bait. The bergalls were stripping his hooks so he switched over to flounder fishing. About 100 yards west of the third bridge was where Stu caught 18 good size flounder and threw back about twice as many.

MERRICK

Jim Bouluko's of **Nick's Fishing Station** said that it was a very good fishing weekend. Lots of flounder with lots of throwbacks were taken at both Merrick Point and Broad Creek. Some blowfish, kingfish and seabass are mixed in. At the Meadowbrook bridges blackfish are very good. Crabs are best bait. Blues and bass were trolled in the inlet on Thursday and Friday, but died off with the weekend boat traffic.

Randy Holbridge and his son Todd with the 32lb. 4oz. striped bass that Dad took at the new F.I. Coast Guard Station. The fish took a black Alou Eel, and was foul-hooked under the gills. They had to borrow a gaff from a passing boat.

N.Y. BIGHT Fishing Report

(Fishing photos must be sharp, clear, and black-white. We cannot use color prints due to printing problems, so please do not send them. Address photos to: FISHING REPORT, The Long Island Fisherman, P.O. Box 143, Deer Park, N.Y. 11729.)

FREEPORT

The **Capt. Al** reports very good blue fishing in the Cholera waters, with large and small sized schools of fish intermixed.

Cap Lou II tells us that his flounder, porgie and sea bass catches have been very good. Also some blacks mixed in.

Capt. "Spider" Schmidt of the **Aloma II** is switching over to flounder and blacks starting this weekend. Spider informs us that he has a couple of hot spots he's going to work out on.

Capt. Richie of the **Starstream II** reports that he's doing a job on the choppers at Cholera and south of Cholera, fish 2-14 lbs. Some albies mixed in. It is requested that private boatmen give the party and charter boats some space out there on the water. Common courtesy should be exercised, fellas. These captains are working out there, for fare-paying customers. "Do unto others," the phrase begins.

The **Capt. Jim V** reports good bass chumming at the local bridges, 3-10 lbs.

Still no leads on the whereabouts of the infamous **G. KORN,** Merrick's fishing C.P.A. If you read this, Korn, call your wife.

Schultz Sporting Goods reports that the trout fishing has been good and the season extended. Good frest water bass angling at Lake Ronkonkoma, Forge Pond and Peconic River. Try Bubble Falls and Nissaquogue River for trout.

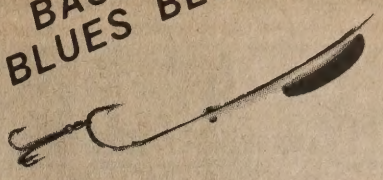
Mako Marina reports a 22 lb. 11 oz. chopper taken by Frank Bruzzse on Sunday off Lido Beach, trolling a bunker spoon.

POINT LOOKOUT

Frank at **L.I. Sea Clam** tells us lots of bass in the inlet area. Bob Clark on the "Domi La" had 35 stripers on bellies (where exactly, him no say). Bass and bellies are the thing now guys.

Marilyn at **Ed's Fishing Station** called to say that theres excellent flounder fishing in the flats on worm and clam. Also that blacks are fantastic on fiddlers at the Meadowbrook 'bridge. The West Bar housed loads of schoolies which fell to yellow or white bucktails on Saturday. There

BASS & BLUES BEWARE!



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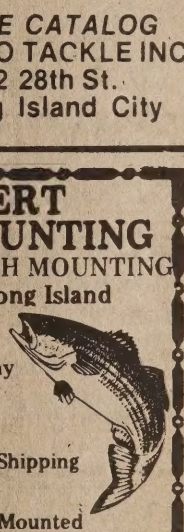

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ISLAND PARK

John at **Commodore** reports very good flounder fishing, fish to 1½ lbs., with appearances of a very good fall run. Blacks at bridges and rocks on fiddler crabs. A few scattered porgies

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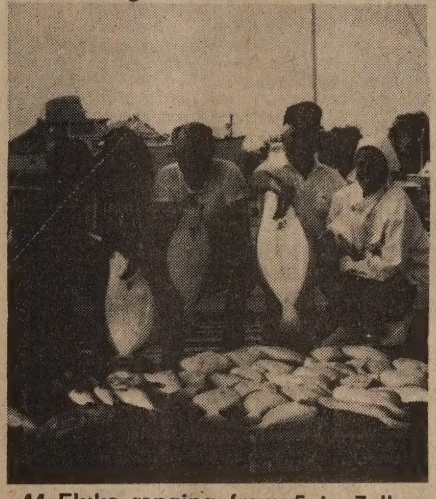

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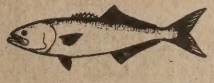

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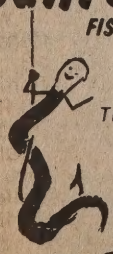

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ATLANTIC BEACH

Leon Miller (no relation to Stu Miller) tells us that he has seen the first "real good" flounder catch of the fall. Mr. & Mrs. Al Obermaier and 6 year old son had 45 nice keepers, ¾ lb and up, with the biggest 2 lb. 1 oz. This was in Woodmere Channel on worms & Clams, On Sat. Blacks are at all rock piles (not the one in my back yard, though) and at the Bridge, on fiddlers. Biggest black weighed in this week was 7 lbs., 2 oz. Blues to 15 lbs. for those with patience, at Cholera, on chum, late in the afternoon. Stan Silverberg chummed a 16 lb. tuna on a live whiting. A 44 lb. bass fell to a dunked bunker 1 mile East of the Atlantic Beach Bridge in Reynolds Channel. Said bunker dunked by Dan Pickney on the Four Daughters. Dan is the creator of the famous "Danny Plug" now manufactured by Lupo. Also, there is a good sprinkling of sea bass, kingfish and small porgies.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Amberjack IV came back from the 2nd Tile fishing trip with a nice catch of these delicious monsters. They have the taste and texture of lobster. Largest fish were in the 35/40 lb. class. The bluefishing has been fair to good at Manasquan, Klondike and Cholera. See ad for Nantucket Wreck Trip this Friday at 7 p.m.

Capt. Victor of **Tampa IV** reports "a slaughter" of big cod on the recent offshore wreck trip. There were several cod over 50 lbs. There were 45 passengers and the lowest catch was 6 fish. The next scheduled offshore trip for cod will be October 13, 11 p.m., with the fare $35.00. Bluefishing has been excellent, with over 1000 fish for 33 people Friday night. saturday nits, blues galore, with Bob Baldo high hook with 35 fish to 18 lbs.

Wahoo III has been having excellent bluefishing at Klondike, 4—7 lbs. Tuesday Capt. Tony had 81 and Wednesday had 90.

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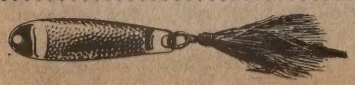

Parkway Bridge on fiddlers and green crab. Flounder great at Louis Pier and all along the flats....a lot of small fish and a lot in the 1 lb. class, on worms. A few stripers trolled at roundhouse on bucktails, Bingle tubes and bananas and on dunked bunker (in the jetties rip). Big blues at Nortons Point on trolled umbrellas, bucktails, jigged A-27 jigs, Bingle Bananas and bait on bottom. Lots of crabs via traps.

Neil at **Stella Maris** reports blues has slowed, but lots of blacks off the jetty and off Seabright. Also porgies and fluke. A few bass have been trolled at the Tin Can grounds.

STATEN ISLAND

Lennie at **Santos Sports Shop** informs us that for stripers, Renny Beach at the foot of Highland Blvd., Cliff St. and the Veranzano Bridge are hot for schoolie bass with worms on bottom or poppers. This is for surfcasters, with fish to 9 lbs. South Beach and the Berger Ave. storm sewers for blues at nite, last 2 hours of outgoing and the 1st of the change, with bait on the bottom.

Princess Bay (Dental Works) for weaks in the a.m. or p.m. hours, for a mixed bag of bass, blues and weaks. Schoolies on bait from beach. Blues for boatmen 1 mile off Mt. Loretta (Middle Grounds) 6-12 lbs. trolled on Bingle Bananas or cut bait. Nortons Point blues want whole drifted bunker. Try drifting worms into the pilings at New Dorp, at Hoffman and Swindburn Islands. Buoy 4, Anadale for weaks. Blacks at Great Kills Bug Light. Old Orchard Lighthouse and West Bank Lighthouse, 1-5 lbs. on worms.

NORTH SHORE Fishing Report

FISHING REPORT

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ORIENT POINT

Good blackfishing at Orient light and along the Sound says Elisa Lieblein of **Port of Egypt Fishing Station.** Porgies and sea bass are still withus but waning. Flounders are starting to show in the Sound and around to Orient State Park. Bluefish are in Plum Gut and east of the Ruins. Trolling at night in the Gut has brought in quite a few 30 to 40 lb. striped bass.

GREENPORT

Art White's Bait Shop said the fishing was excellent this past week. The open boat **Brand X** has been loading up on blues and stripers in the Plum Gut and east of the Ruins. Big blackfish has been taken in good quantities by the **Whileric** in and around Gull Island. The shoreline along the Sound is also alive with many blacks. The charter and private boats are alldoing well with blues and stripers either i the Plum Gut or east of the Ruins. Pluggers working the shoreline along the Sound are taking quite a few 20-30 lb. stripers. A 47 lb. striper was weighed in for the Greenport Aquaseum fishing tournament.

Capt. Jerry Wren of the **Mighty Mouse** had 19 people from Penney's Lumber on board Sunday. The morning was very quiet but when the tide changed at noon everything busted loose. For two hours it was hectic fishing for the blues with fresh bunker. they fished east of the Ruins and everybody went home satisfied with their catches.

Fred Gordon of the **Greenport Aquaseum Fishing Tournament** said they had a most successful tourney. More fish and bigger ones were brought in this year than last. On Sunday Oct. 13 the awards dinner will be held and among the many awards will be Jack Conway of Shelter Island with the biggest striped bass and Arthur Rumph of Center Moriches with the biggest bluefish.

SOUTHOLD

Good flounder fishing at Goose Creek reports **Port of Egypt.** Blacks are in pretty solid. Porgies are on the wane after being worked over by the draggers.

NEW SUFFOLK

Capt. Martys Fishing Station reports a drap-off in porgy fishing in the Peconic Bay possibly due to the dragger boats. The best action was in Cutchogue Harbor and near buoy 23. A bonus there was that weakfish were still being taken.

JAMESPORT

Warren's Tackle Center in Aquebogue reports good porgy and black fishing in the Sound. The blacks are taking fiddler green crabs. Schools of blues are moving along the beaches and willing to take plugs. Stripe bass fishing is definitely on the upswing. These 5 to 10 lb. fish are taking either big sand worms or plugs on an incoming tide.

MT. SINAI HARBOR

Ralph's Fishing Station reports big porgies are in the Sound. Along the Sound shore the blackfishing is terrific and they are taking crabs. Bunker fishing for blues has dropped off and trolling tubes on wire line has taken its place. Flounders are starting to show up in the harbor.

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PORT JEFFERSON

Plaza Sporting Goods reports heavy action on the blacks using green or fiddler crabs. Strippers are being taken on sand worms at Mount Sinia beaches on an incoming tide.

Excellent blackfishing off Crane's Neck or Old Field Point says **Caraftis Fishing Station**. Crabs are best. Good striped bass trolling with black tubes or umbrella rigs between Old Field and Crane's. try early morning or evening for these school size fish. Bigger bass to 35 lbs. have been taken in the evening or night at Crane's Neck and West Meadow beach.

Capt. John Fischer of the **Betty W** said the blackfishing is in solid. Saturday saw the Maspeth Anglers take 100 blacks for 9 men. George Weinrich and his two sons accounted for 43 of them. On Sunday it was bigger blacks and Bill Morris had a 7¾ lb. black.

Capt. Joe Cash of the **Port Jeff Ace** reports the fall blackfish run has opened with a bang. Loads of blackfish are being taken on crabs. The blackfish are in such a good supply that it is almost impossible not to score as the total catches are heavy. This coming weekend he will run open boat Sat., Sun., and Mon. for a Columbus Day Special.

NORTHPORT

Capt. PeteNonellino of the trailered charterboat **Jennie Three** said he had a good blueffishing trip on Saturday. Wirelining to the 40 foot depth produced good results between 11B and the Obstruction buoy. These fish went from 8 to 16 lbs.

Bowmans Sporting Goods said the blues in the Sound are showing up on top more often now. Sometimes they drive the bunker into the harbors. Flounders are increasing their activity and are being caught with the porgies and blacks. Striped bass fishing after dark and before dawn with clam chum is excellent. Snappers are still with us.

HUNTINGTON

George Valentine of **Four Winds Tackle** trolled big Sekora tubes and black umbrella rigs off Eaton Neck and scored with a 30 lb. and a 36 lb. striped bass. Clam chum at that spot also gets school bass. Worm and umbrella rig trolling at Marshall Field is scoring heavy. Big porgies are there and at Morris Rock. Bluefish trolling very deep in the triangle of buoys 11B, 13 and the obstruction has gotten fish from 10-14 lbs. Bait fishing at the obstruction buoy is also productive but may be waning.

Capt. Don Constantin of the **Ever Ready Fleet** took all four trips out over the weekend and he said the bottom fishing was just great. The blackfish were the most prolific of the species caught. These blacks ran from 1½ to 3 lbs. with the 4 and 5 pounders taking the pool. Hundreds of porgies taking the pool. hundreds of porgies were caught as well as the small flounders signalling the start of their season. Capt. Constantin said from here on it will be only bottom fishing 8—12 and 1—5 every Sat., Sun. and Holiday.

HEMPSTEAD HARBOR

Saturday 9:30 a.m. 13 year old Joseph A. Timpanaro of New Hyde Park caught a 50 lb. bass in Hempstead harbor on 20 lb. test line. This was a boat fish, 50" lonf, 27" girth.

GLEN COVE

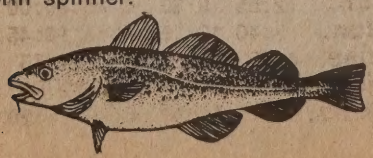
Glen Cove Sports reports the blue fishing is stable. Fresh bait seems to be best either bunker or mackeral. Schooly bass of 6-10 lbs. are being trolled. From the shore Gibbs darter or bright plugs like a red and yellow Atom Popper works well. Snappers are still around.

PORT WASHINGTON

Thelma Bolton at **Morelands Bait & Tackle** trolled worms Sunday afternoon and picked up from striped bass up to 6 lbs. At night on a dead low tide her husband had a couple of larger bass on worms. The biggest was 18 lbs. Blackfish and flounder are just starting to come in and are still small. Porgies ar still with us.

CITY ISLAND

Rosenbergs Boathouse said the blacks were the main thing and are being taken from the shore also. Flounders are fair at Orchard Beach and other flounder spots. Porgies are so-so if you can find the right hole. Striped bass schoolies are taking worm spinner.



CONNECTICUT SCENE

NEW ROCHELLE

Cameron's tells us bass are hitting well for trollers around the Fort Slocum Water Tower and Phoebe Light. Slow trolled worms are working best. Porgies, blacks and some flounder are providing bottom fish action.

MAMARONECK

The Mamaroneck Fishing Station reports stripers are being trolled regularly. Everybody is catching porgies and snappers and a few flounders.

GREENWICH

The Sportmans Den reports plenty of bluefish are oung Eatons Neck. Use wire to go deep at 11B. Stripers are being taken on drifted sandworms in Greenwich Cove, and porgies are plentiful.

BYRAM

Porgies, porgies, everywhere. Snappers throughout the area and blacks are a good bet.

STAMFORD

Stripers are around. Cove Pond produced fish from schoolie size to the 30's and 40's on giant Rebels. There are weaks near buoy 32. Creek Chub poppers are also scoring on bass. Blues are missing.

Robert and Kara Nicita with 15 bluefish they took with their father trolling red and green Bingle Bananas at Sea Bright.

NORWALK

Blues in mid-sound, bass on bunker at night, black and porgies are great. Weaks at Long Neck Point.

WESTPORT

Blues at 11B, Middleground, Black Rock Harbor, and Penfield. they are mostly big fish on top and bottom. Sheffield is producing bass on bunker or worms.

BRIDGEPORT

Porgies and blacks are termed excellent. Schoolies at Seaside for worm drifters and big blues at St. Mary's. Blues and big bass are being trolled up around buoy 20.

STRATFORD

Snappers are great and eating size stripers at the breakwater.

MILFORD

The pond behind Cedar Creek Bridge has been holding big blues for all comers. Bass are slow locally but blacks are plentiful.

WESTHAVEN

Bluefish are tremendous. The Townsend Avenue Bridge. Smilling Bills dressed with pork rind.

NEW HAVEN

Blues are good at City Point and the Kimberly Bridge with Smilin Bills and poppers producing blacks at any rockpile.

NEW JERSEY Fishing Report

SANDY HOOK

Lots of stripers on the surf with the Park and Seawall being best. Poppers and swimming plugs are producing as is bunker dunking. Trollers are doing well on schoolies on umbrella rigs.

SEABRIGHT

Fish in the 20's and 30's are scattered along the beach with the seawall producing best.

MONMOUTH BEACH

Bass, weaks and blues are mixed and taking plugs. The schools are moving along the beach about a ¼ mile out. Sandy hook Park to Long branch are the best bets.

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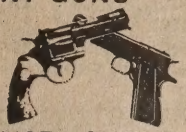

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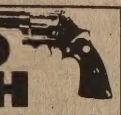

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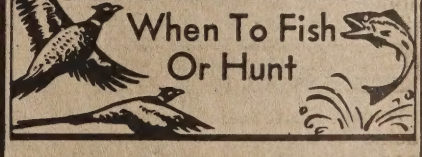

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Sun.	2:55	9:30	3:25	10:00
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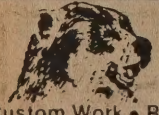

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cut the anchor rope.

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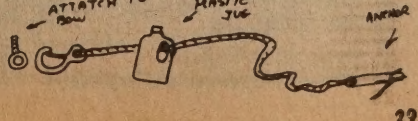

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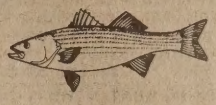

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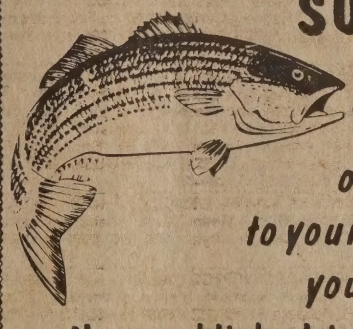

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10/10 THURSDAY	3:31	3:52	5:09	5:31	6:52	7:27	7:03	7:30
10/11 FRIDAY	4:38	5:01	6:11	6:35	8:20	8:52	8:04	8:30
10/12 SATURDAY	5:40	6:02	7:06	7:35	9:26	9:55	9:02	9:29
10/13 SUNDAY	6:34	6:55	7:57	8:27	10:19	10:49	9:55	10:21
10/14 MONDAY	7:21	7:42	8:46	9:16	11:07	11:38	10:43	11:12
10/15 TUESDAY	8:09	8:27	9:32	10:04	11:52		11:31	11:58
10/16 WEDNESDAY	8:51	9:11	10:19	10:51	12:23	12:34		12:17
10/17 THURSDAY	9:35	9:55	11:06	11:38	1:08	1:13	12:45	1:02

on SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Potunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
(Inlet,Breakwater & Dem. Pt.)	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Loop Parkway Bridge	+0 25
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
EAST ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	+0 00
Beach Channel (Bridge)	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26
STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
MANASQUAN	−0 12

on NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Connecticut River	+1 10
Little Gull Island (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land (Napeague)	−0 14
Fort Pond Bay	−0 29
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point	−1 13

on WILLETS POINT

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28

PHASES OF THE MOON

10/15	10/23	10/31	10/8
NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.

on BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	−0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	−0 08
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the convers n tables. Add or subtract the hours and/or minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet —0 50" is listed under "on Sandy Hook". — 0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

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